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Cruise couple in nightmare on the Med

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A COUPLE'S idvllic cruise turned into a nightmare when the sea burst through the portholes of their cabin.

Michael Phillips, 71, and his 65-year-old wife Alison thought they were going to die during the terrifying ordeal on the 12night North African Treasures tour.

The well-travelled pair returned home to Lavendon this weekend, with cuts from shattered glass, and put off sailing for good.

Last Wednesday, their ship the Discovery was crossing the Mediterranean between Sicily and Tunisia during a force ten storm.

Former Met Office worker Mr Phillips knew it would be rough, and the captain even warned passengers they would be

entering stormy seas. But they did not expect that the sea would end up in their

cabin. Mr Phillips, a retired civil ser-vant, said: "We went to bed and the storm started getting worse and worse and worse. At around 2am there was an explosion. Water shattered through the portholes with tremendous force. In one second it changed from us laying in a warm, albeit



Into the abyss: Michael and Alison Phillips were caught in a storm in the Mediterranean

rocking, cabin, to being soaking wet and covered glass

Mr Phillips made the brave move across the broken glass with bare feet to fasten down the safety shutters, known as deadlights.

"All I could think about was the next wave. I clambered across the broken glass. Before I fastened the deadlights, I looked out. I've never seen a sight like it. Raging seas doesn't describe it. It was like looking into the abyss. When I looked out of that porthole, I thought there's no surviving that."

Mrs Phillips, a retired teacher, said: "After the explosion, I thought if this keeps going down we've got to get into an open lifeboat. I thought the ship

was sinking." Emerging from their cabin they found the water entered with such force it spewed under their door into the corridor. But theirs was the only room

that had been struck. Mr Phillips, chairman of the local branch of UKIP, was told by the ship's officer that it was the first incident in his 23-year career.

They later found that the deadlights, normally shut by staff, had only been closed on the decks below them.

It was the second leg in a tour of the archeological sites of the Turkish coast. Now they feel they will never embark on a cruise again.

Rob Bryant, chief executive of the cruise operator All Leisure Group, said: "We want to point out that instances like this are "Customer safety is of para-

mount importance to us.

"Regular checks are carried out on the ship and this was just one of those freak accidents.

"The passengers were given full support by all the staff and the company and were given a cabin upgrade."



Hundreds of shoppers turned out to welcome Santa back to thecentre:mk – story and more pics on page 7 **NEWS**

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'Everything a local newspaper should be'





MKNEWS editor David Gale is wreathed in smoke as he sets off a Fenny Popper at the annual firing

Browne Willis, who built St Martin's Church in Aylesbury

Street in honour of his father, also

Poppers go with a bang to uphold tradition on St Martin's day.

THE ancient firing of The Fenny Poppers took place once more in Fenny Stratford.

This annual event has been taking place for almost 300 years in honour of the 18th Century local benefactor, Browne Willis. Six miniature cannon are fired in

the town every November 11 to mark the anniversary of his death

made provision for the firing of the Poppers, a tradition that requires the church to hold a gunpowder licence, making it the only

church in England to do so. Custodian of the Cannon, Peter

White, has been following the procedure for over 35 years. The cannons were fired three

times during the day at 12pm, 2pm and 4pm. Among guests invited to help fire

the cannons this year were prospective Conservative candidate Iain Stewart and MK NEWS editor David Gale.

War of words over shop centre listing

LOBBYISTS are making a last ditch appeal to the Government to list the shopping centre after its director called parts of the building 'nondescript'.

Robert Goodman, thecentre:mk director, said listing the building would be 'short-sighted, preserving nondescript 1970s architec-ture', though he later explained that he was referring to certain parts such as the service road. It followed a visit from

Government minister Margaret Hodge, who will have the final say on whether the 1.3million sq ft Grade II* listing. It would put it alongside cathe-

drals and galleries in terms of architectural significance and is supported by English Heritage and the 20th Century Society.

Mr Goodman said that listing puts the £10m Destination Dining project at immediate risk, even threatening the economic success

of the city and the region. But supporters of the building have hit back, calling it 'a treasure', 'a triumph and 'brilliant'.

They are encouraging residents to write to the minster, explaining why thecentre:mk is worthy of preservation.

Theo Chalmers, chairman of pressure group Urban Eden, said: "The best buildings of every age

nearby homes to be evacuated as

the nearest one was only about 10

"Fortunately the wind was with

us and it was not necessary." One observer said: "This fire

developed very quickly. At one point the flames were about 20

"The fire has gutted the build-

Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue

Service and Thames Valley Police

are investigating the cause of the

A spokesman for Thames Valley

Police said it is being treated as a

ought to be preserved, and this is

one of them. It's a triumph." Linda Inoki, chairman of Xplain, said: "It's bold, beautiful and functional. It's also an icon for modern Britain. Margaret Hodge has to hear this message. The building is a treasure.'

Architect Ken Baker, part of the team which created Milton Keynes, said the naturally-lit arcade is our equivalent of the Crystal Palace.

However, Robert Goodman added: "The irony is that listing thecentre:mk to celebrate the history of a new town, could be one of the deciding factors that forestalls it's future.

Arson suspected in pub fire

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MORE than 30 firefighters tackled a blaze that has gutted a former pub after a suspected arson

Crews from Bletchley, Great Holm, Broughton and Aylesbury were called to The White Hart in Whaddon Way, Bletchley at around 6.45pm after a passer-by noticed smoke coming from the two-storey building.

Manager Sean Cunningham from Bletchley Fire Station said: "The fire was welldeveloped in the ground floor when we arrived and the crews worked extremely hard to save what they did.

"The fire spread very quickly and suspected arson.

Dog mess fine A DOG owner has been left more we had to consider asking for

than £500 out of pocket after fail-

than £500 out of pocket after fail-ing to pick up his pet's mess. Jeffrey Griggs, 43, from Culrain Place, Hodge Lea was found guilty of failing to clear up dog faeces from public land at MK Magistrates' Court on Friday. Griggs was spotted by a patrolling police officer in Hodge Lea walking away after one of this

Lea walking away after one of this three dogs fouled on a grass area. He was given a fixed penalty Notice but paid only part and was summonsed. He failed to attend the hearing on Friday and was found guilty in his absence.

He was fined £50 and ordered to pay legal costs of £478.85.





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Jihad in jails

Terrorist 'radicalised' during his time inside – which included a spell in Woodhill

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JIHAD is being promoted in jails, according to a report which takes evidence from Woodhill Prison.

The report by Quilliam, the world's first counter-extremism think tank, says holy war could be propagated in prisons, calling them possible 'incubators of extremism'.

It says that Muktar Said Ibrahim, who led the attempted London bombings in 2005, was radicalised through his time in the British prison system, part of which was spent at high-security jail Woodhill.

The report also takes testi-monies from Babar Ahmed, who wrote in Woodhill in 2004 that there was an informal brother-hood between Muslim prisoners, some of whom actually sympa-thised with the Muslim political prisoners.

He also wrote about reading rad-

ical Islamist literature during his incarceration. The report ques-tions how such books got into a category A prison. In 2004, he said that he believed

that a majority of prison officers are 'racist and Islamophobic'. In fact, the Cageprisoners web-

In fact, the Cageprisoners web-site reported on a disturbance at Woodhill in November 2006, alleging that 30 prison officers stormed Friday prayers and attacked one Muslim prisoner. One Algerian terrorist suspect

told Amnesty International that, at Woodhill, he was strip-searched twice.

'As a Muslim, this was a deeply humiliating experience for me,' he said.

From incidents such as this, the

report concludes that distrust between prisoners and staff can lead to Muslim prisoners adopting polarised world views. It warns of vulnerable prisioners

becoming potential recruits.

A Prison Service spokesman said: "We are extremely skilled in managing all challenging and dangerous criminals, and adapt-ing to evolving risks and dangers. We run a dedicated, expert unit which leads work to tackle the risk of extremism and radicalisation in

prison. "All our high security prisons operate enhanced monitoring and intelligence-gathering on those convicted or suspected of involvement in terrorism or extremism.

No-pay meals on wheels workers keep delivering despite firm going bust

BY LAURA HANNAM laura hannam@mk-news.co.uk

STAFF at a meals on wheels company kept the service running this weekend after the firm went bust, despite the fact they have not been paid.

Milton Keynes Council is one of seven authorities that have been forced to arrange new suppliers after Flowfood Ltd, based in Ashton-under-Lyne, went into administration.

The firm's 32 staff that supply hot meals to 250 people in Milton Keynes from a site in Conniburrow were told that they were made redundant on Friday

Yet although they have not been paid for three weeks the team chose to keep the service going for their clients' sake.

One worker said: "We had enough food in the freezer to last 11 days so we decided that we would make sure the service went on without any hitches.

"It is a vital service, if it didn't run many of the clients wouldn't get a hot meal at all that day."

She said the staff are devastated to have lost their jobs and are worried about the impact on their vulnerable clients, some of whom are blind, deaf or suffer from demen-

tia. She added: "It is more than taking someone dinner, many of the drivers have built up relationships with the clients over the years and they have knowledge of what they need."

Mark Lancaster, MP for North East Milton Keynes said: "Meals on wheels provide an essential ser-vice for many vulnerable members of the community and these

are very worrying times. "Along with others I am doing all that I can to ensure that a replacement service is up and running as soon as possible.

Milton Keynes Council said a new company, Wellingborough-based Apetito, took over the deliv-

eries yesterday November 17). (Tuesday,

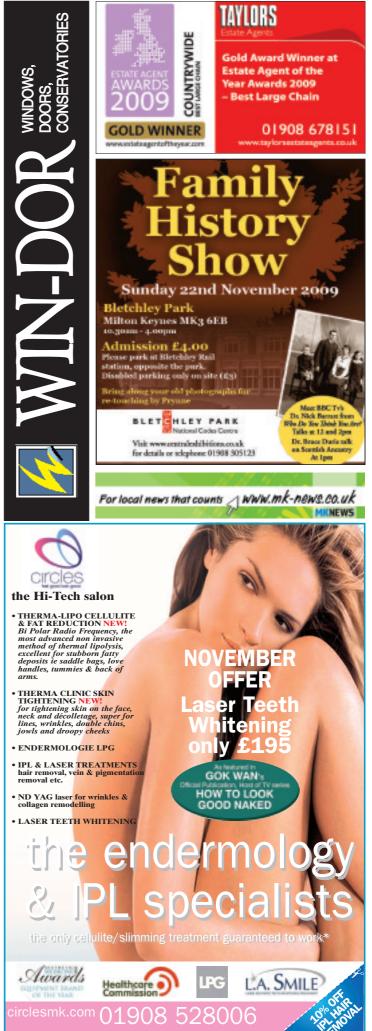
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Lynda Bull, corporate director community wellbeing said: "Staff have worked long and hard with the administrators to ensure con-tinuity over the weekend and more importantly to put in arrangements with a new supplier. All service users have been written to inform them of the change of supplier and each will be contacted to reassure them.

"Understandably, some service users may be anxious but they will continue to receive the same level of service without any disruption

Philip Duffy, partner at MCR, the administrator for Flowfood, said the ongoing losses made by the firm has made it highly unlikely that they will be able to trade the business through to a point when a new owner could be found.

He said: "The business is now in administration and all staff have already been made redundant.'



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MPs should experience living in the real world SIR – Regarding 'MP claims expense

reforms endanger women'. One rule for MPs and another for the rest of us. Welcome to the perils of working in the real world, Dr Starkey.

Perhaps if MPs are forced to face the dangers that the rest of us have to live with every single day, some-thing will finally be done about the fact that travel at night is unsafe. I won't hold my breath on it, however.

Caroline Sent by e-mail

■ SIR – In last week's paper there is an article about MPs' expenses reforms where Dr Phyllis Starkey has said that if MPs had to work late, ie until 10.45pm, they would have trouble getting home at night because trains are slower and less frequent and that they would be at risk of mugging or sexual assault.

Surely on their salary they could afford to book into a hotel or even employ a chauffeur to pick them up from work. After all, there are thousands of

people who work in nightclubs, pubs, restaurants and theatres who have to walk across car parks, down streets and through underpasses in the early hours of the morning. And most are only on the mini-

mum wage. So the answer to all you MPs is to get a job closer to home.

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■ SIR – After reading what Dr Phyllis Starkey said, I felt that I had to reply.

So it's OK for the rest of us women to get the train, the bus or a taxi late at night and be at risk of being mugged or sexual assults but not MPs

Many women work antisocial hours especially nurses, carers, bar and club staff and have to go to unstaffed stations and walk to the car parks, which are not lit very well.

We don't have second homes or MPs' expenses. We have to travel to where the

work is. So I would like to say to all the

women MPs who are complaining: 'welcome to the real world'. Lynda Flynn Sent by e-mail

■ SIR – Dr Starkey must be living in some sort of parallel universe.

I do not know of any employers who would pay nearly £18,000 for a second home over a two-year peri-

od She wholly supports the thrust of what Sir Christopher Kelly proposes, but for some reason feels the need to speak for other lady MPs as to their safety.

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MP Starkey's remarks 'simply breathtaking'

SIR - The remarks by Dr Phyllis Starkey MP in last week's MK NEWS are simply breathtaking.

I had to read the article twice to check I did understand Dr Starkey's point, which is that she should be given a home in London (at the expense of tax-payers), because our local railway station is not safe and the trains are 'slower and less fre-quent at night' (she quotes 10.45pm).

So let me get this straight – the rail service that thousands of commuters use every day, a service which Dr Starkey claims to have improved, is not good enough for Dr Starkey. Not only is this statement

completely insulting to the commuters of MK, many of whom return home late at night, but Dr Starkey doesn't appear to have realised that a high speed Virgin service leaves Euston at 23.43 (and has been running for years).

Dr Starkey has just a few months left representing MK South - is there any chance she'll do something useful for the residents of MK in her remaining time as an MP? John Baker Woughton

It is worrying that these lady MPs' constituencies are so dangerous

that they may be attacked. Maybe they should raise the safe ty of their constituency with their MP... oh wait.

Dr Starkey should spend more time concerning herself with what is happening in her constituency.

Residents are being mugged and raped on the redways of Milton

Keynes on an all-to-regular basis. Perhaps she should concern herself with the safety of the people who vote her into her privileged job. Mike

Sent by e-mail

Police force rap

SIR - Regarding 'Police officer forced to resign'.

As a close personal friend of the officer in question I must express my anger at both the article and Thames Valley Police. I have known the individual for

over 15 years and have never known them display any action that could be described as being

MP Phyllis Starkey

below the standards of Thames Valley Police.

I have also never known anyone with such high levels of integrity. There is absolutely no truth in the allegations made and I can assure you I would trust this individual with my life.

As a member of the public I have lost all faith in Thames Valley

Police. Name withheld Sent by e-mail

Cross stitch in time

SIR - Regarding your recent story on cross-stitching men. I've been cross stitching for over 10 years, starting when my doctor

told me to do nothing for 12 weeks because of a back problem. Not one for doing nothing for even a short period, I picked up a pattern and kit I'd bought for any

one of my ten granddaughters who might have been interested.

None were and they lay in the cupboard until I took them out

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again. It turned out to be a life saver for

me and at 77-years-of-age I am still doing them and even had some success at the Royal Show here in Perth, Western Australia.

It is a wonderful therapy for anyone. P McKiernan

Sent by e-mail

Splash out on fun pool

SIR - I have just read your article about the new leisure centre open-ing in Bletchley and while there seems to be some excitement amongst some people there most certainly is not with the young people.

Of course I am talking about the 'new swimming pool'. When building work first started

we all waited in anticipation to see what the new pool would look like and if it would be child-friendly but instead it's a basic boring rectangle pool.

I have children at a local school and work in a school myself so I get the opportunity to talk to parents and children and have not yet spoken to one person who has been happy about the pool.

I think it's a big shame and sad for the kids who love going swim-ming and sometimes rely on it as there is not much else round here for them to do.

We want to get the kids fit and healthy so why build such a boring swimming pool? Natalie,

Sent by e-mail

Skill, not race, the issue

SIR – My personal experience of MK General's labour and maternity unit was a horrendous one which I hope nobody else will ever have.

I appreciate the staff work hard and have lots of pressures but patients shouldn't be the ones to feel the brunt of it.

I do not agree with patients wanting a specific race dealing with them, they should be more concerned about the skill rather than colour.

The question asked by Shan - 'If it was a Muslim patient looking for Muslim staff would it be racist?' – the answer is no, because being a muslim does not mean you belong to one race. Muslims are followers of the Islamic faith and come from all

walks of life, backgrounds and races

I felt I needed to clarify that

point. Name and address supplied

■ SIR – Of course it is racism to ask to be treated by white hospital staff - that's precisely what racism means, believing one race is better than another. Kathy Dancy Petersham Close,

Newport Pagnell

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Now it's official academy opened

THE Duke of Kent officially opened The Milton Keynes

Academy yesterday. He described the Academy as 'most impressive' and said it was a place of learning that should have a hugely beneficial impact on young lives.

Talented Year 7 student Taylor Driver performed a song she had written about the academy to guests, and food technology stu-dents presented the duke with a basket of chocolates they had made.

The duke toured the building and saw students at work in lessons including dance, science, and design and technology. He also watched Year 11 students putting the finishing touches on dishes created for his lunch.

The official opening ceremony was attended by a host of digni-taries including Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, Lord-Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire; Allan Westry, High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire and Cllrs Euan and Irene Henderson – the mayor and may-oress of Milton Keynes.

A speech was made by Sir Garry Hawkes, president of the inde-pendent education foundation Edge, the sponsor of the academy. Sir Garry said: "The opening of this fantastic new academy is a manifestation of my own passion-



ate belief that all young people should have the chance to pursue many paths to success, including high quality vocational courses.

"The academy represents not just a new building, which is itself important for the whole community, but a change in the way young people learn.

Academy principal Lorna Caldicott said: "This is a wonder-ful day for us. The students are extremely proud of their new school and have been very excited about showing it to our special guests'

The £27m academy, which is based at Leadenhall, has 1,500

The Duke of Kent is greeted at the start of his visit to officially open MK Academy

employs more than 200 teachers and support staff. At the heart of the new school is

an Enterprise Hub designed to play a major role in delivering the academy's business and enterprise specialism.

Students spend most of their time in year group 'learning villages' and then move to specially equipped areas including a suite of seven science laboratories, a cricket oval, an athletics track, and a film and recording studio. Milton Keynes Academy has been highly commended for its inspirational use of outside space in the national Excellence in BSF



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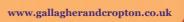
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THE unemployment rate in Milton Keynes has dropped but more people are remaining job-

week revealed that the number of working-age people claiming job-seeker's allowance fell to 4.8 per cent in October, after reaching a 14-year high of five per cent two months earlier.

A total of 7,290 people claimed jobseeker's allowance in October, 187 less than the month before.

However, the number of people who have been claiming jobseeker's allowance for between six and 12 months has reached its highest rate since the statistics began in April 1992.

While overall unemployment has dropped by 0.2 per cent since

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This is 7.5 per cent higher than in October 2008, when 606 people were unemployed for this period of time.

per cent.

The number of people unemsince August.

in this category. Cllr Sam Crooks, leader of

statistics are 'genuinely very worrying' and the council is already

the longer people are unemployed the less chance they have to get a job. That is why we are so concerned and why we are doing

largely unskilled workers so the solution we are planning is to put a significant amount of money into courses designed specifically to give workers the basic skills

"We are now consulting with employers to find out what exact-Year

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August, the percentage of people in this category has increased by 0.8 per cent to 24.9 per cent of the Milton Kevnes Council said these less for longer. Official statistics released last planning action. He said: "Research suggests that total number of job seekers, which is 1,810 people.

It is also higher than the regional average, which is 22.1 per cent and the national average of 22.2

ployed for more than 12 months has also increased by 1.2 per cent

Eight hundred and fifty claimants, or 11.7 per cent of the total number of job seekers, were

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something about it. "We know that these people are

employers want.

ly they are looking for and hope to start these courses in the New

City mosque fight men found guilty

THREE men have been found guilty of violent disorder fol-lowing a fight outside Wolverton Mosque more than

two years ago. Shazid Khan, 26, from Tinkers Bridge, Asif Hussain, 28, from Buckingham Street, Aylesbury and Khalil Rehman, 47. from Victoria Street, Wolverton, were found guilty of violent disorder on Tuesday, November 11 after a retrial at Oxford Crown Court.

They are due to be sentenced on Wednesday, December 9. Khalil Rehman and Asif Hussain originally stood trial for the offence in April but the

jury were unable to reach a verdict. They will be sentenced along-side Jalil Rehman, 31, and Jamil Rehman, 31, both of Victoria Street, Wolverton, who were found guilty of violent disorder after the four-week trial in

April. Another man, Adil Ur Rehman, 20, of Victoria Street, Wolverton, has been found not guilty at the re-trial.

The case relates to a large fight which started in the Agora car park, Wolverton, at about 2pm on Friday, January 12, 2007.

An ambulance was called and took five injured men to Milton Keynes hospital for treatment.

City's YMCA hostel desperate for toilet

HELP is needed to refurbish bathroom facilities at the YMCA.

The hostel in Central Milton Keynes is planning to raise money to fund the overdue refurbishments

The hostel provides the city's only emergency access home-less night shelter, providing shelter and support services for up to 15 people per night and is used to 55 people per night and is usually full.

There is a constant demand for its services by people who are at crisis point in their lives.

Residents have to be up, active, and out of its doors by 9am each day. However the current bathroom facilities are inadequate.

There is a single room containing a wash basin, shower and toilet for male residents and the same for female residents. This causes a bottleneck in the morning as residents wait for the facilities and some have to leave without having showered.

A former resident of the YMCA said: "I really appreciated what the YMCA did for me when I was at my lowest. Thanks to them I'm no longer

homeless, have my own flat and am applying for full-time work with my key worker's help

'The bathroom and toilet was the area of the YMCA that I didn't like.

"The state of the only toilet is not good. There's also only one shower. As it's shared between lots of other male guests it was hard to get my turn in the bathroom most mornings.

Housing manager, Simon Green said: "The charity needs approximately £25,000 replace the existing facilities with something that is more appropriate to the need and that would be suitably hard

wearing." The YMCA hopes to raise funds through a Christmas charitable appeal to businesses and the public in Milton Kevnes.

Anybody wishing to donate to the YMCAs bathroom refurbishment appeal can do so via www.justgiving.com/xmasbat hroomappeal or alternatively by cheque made payable to Milton Keynes YMCA and sent to MK YMCA 402 North Row, MK9 2NL.



A right shower: The toilet facilities at the YMCA

Debaters make semis

THREE more schools have argued their way a step closer to becoming the city's debating champions.

On Thursday, Stantonbury and Milton Keynes Academy triumphed over opponents Ousedale and Bury Lawn in the annual schools debating competition.

Held at the new MK Academy, the competition allowed Oakgrove Radcliffe pulled out. In two heated but professional

encounters, students debated whether MPs are paid too much and if the BNP should be allowed to air its

Judges included solicitor Roger Fennemore, businessman and media personality Jon Gregory and MK NEWS reporter Jessica Cunniffe, with prospective parliamentary candi-date Iain Stewart wielding the gavel as Speaker.

The teams will join previous winners from the south of the city, St Paul's, Walton High and Shenley Brook End, on December 4 for a semi final.

In two three-way debates they will argue who is responsible for taking a lead in reducing climate change and which type of media will be the most influential at the General Election.

The two winners will go head to head in the House of Commons on December 9. Organiser Maggie Shinkwin said: "I

am delighted at the way the whole idea has grown so quickly and how enthusiastically the schools have embraced the project."



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When Santa came to town

THERE was a warm welcome for Father Christmas at thecentre:mk. Santa's Grotto in The Big Top Christmas Show at thecentre:mk was officially opened with the arrival of the big man himself on Monday.

A procession wound its way through the malls to open the Grotto.

The parade featured a friendly ringmaster and circus clowns from the National Clown Association leading Santa, in a specially designed clown car, and Joshua and Minnie – winners of the "Milton Keynes's Biggest Smile" competition run in MK NEWS.

Hundreds of families waved and cheered Santa in his annual procession from Door 1 next to M&S, through the shopping centre down both Midsummer Arcade and Silbury Arcade towards the Christmas show in Middleton Hall.

The clowns featured a stilt walker, a clown on a mini cycle and a clown on a rolling globe who also used a skipping rope on the globe outside Santa's Grotto to entertain the gathered clowns

"The Big Top Christmas show" opened in thecentre:mk on November 6.

Santa's Grotto is open until December 24 whilst the rest of the show will remain open Middleton hall until the 3 January. For more information or to book tickets visit www.thecentremk.com

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Top: Santa poses for pictures before finding out what two of his fans are wishing for at Christmas



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Hollywood legend Mickey Rooney is Hardup

HOLLYWOOD legend Mickey Rooney is in town and ready to star in Cinderella.

The 89-year-old superstar, who will play Baron Hardup in the pantomime, is particularly impressed by Milton Keynes Theatre.

He said: "I've never seen anything as modern as this. I think the city can be very proud of this theatre." He is looking forward to per-forming in December and

January, despite the gruelling schedule. "I do it because this is my business - not panto, but

showbusiness.' Mr Rooney, who has worked with Audrey Hepburn and Judy Garland, described his fellow cast members Bobby Davro, Louise Dearman, Ben Adams and Anthea Turner as delightful'.

'We're all here to do one thing: make Cinderella enjoyable for everybody. We will try to do the best we can.

"That's why we're here - to please and to give entertainment to this particular area. It is the third panto outing for a man who has starred in more than 200 films.

"I like doing stage and screen. They're very different. But everything in life is different.

Feenager died in crash on a stolen motobike

has died in a crash.

Ian Mackenzie, from Milton Keynes, was killed when he came off a motorbike near the elfield Park rounday. around 10pm on Friday. Elfield Park roundabout at

Independent Complaints Commission (IPCC) has been notified of the incident as two special constables were in the near vicinity at the time of the collision. A spokesman for the IPCC

A 17-YEAR-OLD motorcyclist said yesterday that it has not yet decided whether it will launch an investigation.

The officers were patrolling in Coffee Hall when they saw the headlight of a motorbike on a redway travelling towards Furzton.

They lost sight of it and drove west along the H8, Standing Way to try and find it again. They reached the Elfield Park

roundabout without seeing the motorcycle again, so

turned back east on the H8 When they left the round-

about they saw a motorbike come towards them and stop on the redway in front of them. They then found the rider on the ground further along from where the motor bike came from.Mr Mackenzie was declared dead at the scene.

An inquest into his death is to be opened on Friday. The black Yamaha motorbike

stolen from outside a house in

Sgt Julie Daglish, investigat-ing, said: "I would like to hear from anyone that may have seen a motorbike in the Coffee Hall, Bleak Hall and H8 area prior to the collision or who witnessed the collision itself. Call her on 0845 8 505 505 or

Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Balloon launch marks end of ant-bullying conference

HUNDREDS of young people from across the country came to a new anti-bullying conference held in Milton Keynes.

Nearly 360 school pupils attended the event held during National Anti-Bullying Week at the StadiumMK in Bletchley.

The conference was hosted

by The Radcliffe school in Wolverton, where an anti-bullying scheme has been set up.

The conference included a performance and workshop with dance group Nemisis, Milton Keynes based 2007 Britain's Got Talent finalists, alongside other sessions exploring what bullying is,

hair, beauty & specialist treatment centres

techniques and tips to tackle it and advice for staff.

Guests included MK Dons chairman Pete Winkleman, Maggie Turner, chief executive of the Diana Award, Milton Kevnes Council cheif executive David Hill and MK Dons player Aaron Wilberham

Twenty-seven students who help run the anti-bullying scheme were presented with the Diana Award that is given to outstanding young people

in Princess Diana's name. The conference closed with a balloon launch with pupils'

anti-bullying targets or wishes attached to each balloon.



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had been previously reported Shenley Lodge on Thursday, November 12.

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BY helping Milton Keynes to recycle its food waste you could win yourself $\pounds 100$ in cash or shopping vouchers as part of the council's Cash for Trash scheme.

Filling up your green bin, blue box and pink sacks with all the right materials could make you a winner.

We have been visiting: Stoke Goldington, Downhead Park, Leadenhall, Stony Stratford and Fishermead, amongst others, as we look to reward the efforts of residents all over the city.

In order to be in with a chance of winning you need to correctly sort all of your recycling into your pink sacks, blue box and green bin. All non-recyclable waste should be

All non-recyclable waste should be placed in black sacks and put out with your recycling; it then needs to be presented on the boundary of your property by 7am on your collection day.

We do ask that you do not pile up your rubbish with other people in your area as this makes it impossible for us to know who is recycling correctly and who isn't.

Getting it right could mean that Milton Keynes Council together with its partners Serco and Community Waste visiting you bright and early to give you £100 in cash or vouchers.

To find out more about the Cash for Trash scheme, see recent winners and for rules in full, visit www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/cashfortrash.

See below for a list of what should go where and visit our website for details on how the scheme works and how the council can help you to recycle more.

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Candlepower is key to on-line spooks show

A PARANORMAL programme presenter has made a new spooky series starring local ghosts.

Wade Radford, 18, has finished making the on-line shows 'J King's The Haunting', which fea-tures his home village of Sherington.

Armed with baby monitors, infra-red burglar alarms, can-dles and paper, his team of 16 to 18-year-olds from Milton Keynes spend nights in haunted buildings, often locking them-selves in as they film in the dark.

Mr Radford said: "I used to get annoyed by all the shows on telly. I used to get really riled about it – where they try and argue that everything is paranormal.

"There's a part of me that has stopped and thought 'once you're dead, you really are gone'. "But I've heard and seen some amazing, terrifying things. People use fancy equipment. But light a candle and join hands – there isn't more energy then that " than that."

Previous video diary-style The Swan Revived in Newport Pagnell, The New Inn in New Bradwell and The St Peters Ruins, Haversham,

But their second season, set to go live on-line on January 27, has taken Avenge Productions as far as York and Nottingham.

www.avengeproductions.tk for more details.



Wade Radford with some of his spooks team



Hospice future brighter thanks to its shops, lottery and events

THE future is looking brighter for a city hospice that has seen major financial hardship during the recession.

Willen Hospice ended the last financial year in April more than £400,000 under what it needed to raise and had to take this shortfall out of its financial reserves. Its reserves at that time also

suffered a downturn to the value of £700.000.

Although the hospice predicts that it is still likely to end this financial year with a £450,000 deficit on its running costs of £3.6million, a spokesman said the outlook is positive as it was feared that the shortfall could reach up to

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a million pounds.

Paul Hinson, chief executive of Willen Hospice added: "I am encouraged and extremely thankful for the backing shown by the local communities in response to our tough financial situation.

"Our shops, lottery and events are crucial in raising income for us and all areas have seen an increase in support in the last six months, alongside general donations from the public.

"I know that if this support continues we can survive this period of uncertainty and remain a part of the commu-nity of Milton Keynes." Fundraising initiatives that

BRING ON THE CLOWNS - FUNNYMEN IN TOWN

have helped this year include the first MK Midnight Moo sponsored walk, which raised £100,000 and two parachute jumps involving staff, volun-teers and supporters which raised over £30,000. A number of measures have

also been put into place at the hospice to save money without compromising patient care. Last year over 400 terminally

ill people were cared for by the hospice, with support offered to their families. For information about how





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Stark contrast

SEVENTY-SIX people in Milton Keynes still enjoy their television programmes in black and white.TV Licensing has revealed that 28 000 people across the UK still have a black and white licence

New baby kit

NEW equipment has been sup-plied for babies at Milton Keynes Hospital. A new docking station and syringe pump, which is used to deliver medication to babies in the neonatal nnit, has been bought using £3,000 raised by the Rotary Club in Newport Pagnell.

Parents' group moves A GROUP that supports bereaved parents has moved venue. The group, which is run

by parents, will now meet in Greenleys Family Centre, Ardwell Lane, Greenleys. Next meeting tomorrow (Thursday, November 19) at 7.30pm.

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All profits from the sale of Parkland Produce will be invested back into maintaining the city's beautiful and valued parks and landscapes, whether this is helping to create new parks, planting trees and shrubs, maintaining foot paths, providing community events or teaching school children about farming, nature and the environment.

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David Foster, chief executive of The Parks Trust said: "This is a great way for residents and busi-nesses of Milton Keynes to sup-



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Bletchley ablaze

THE Christmas lights are soon to be switched-on in Bletchley. Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council is to hold a festive day for the community in Stanier Square on Saturday, November 28.

The entertainment will start in the morning with childrens' fairground rides and music with carols from Vocalis choir and performances from Ice Gems Cheerleaders, dancers from Leon School and Bradwell Band. New Faith Dimensions will play

on the bandstand in Elizabeth Square.

The lights will be switched on by Father Christmas at 4.30pm in Stanier Square.

At 5pm Festive Road will present a lantern parade from Queensway through Central Bletchley and into Fenny Stratford.

Fans derailed

ROWDY and abusive football fans were thrown off a train and one man arrested at Milton Keynes Central station.

Around 25 Northampton Town supporters were removed from the Bletchley to Northampton service by transport police.

Officers were called to the station just after 10pm on November 10, following the 3-1 defeat of Northampton by MK Dons.

One man was arrested for a public order offence. Gareth Williams, 21, of

Northampton, will appear at Milton Keynes Magistrates Court on November 24.

Rainforest runner back at Tesco job

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE jessica.cunniffe@mk-news.co.uk

A RUNNER has returned to work at Tesco after completing the world's most dangerous race.

Tim Smith, 35, endured the rivers, mountains and swamps of the Brazilian rainforest for ten gruelling days.

The operations manager of the Fenny Lock distribution centre took on the tough terrain, searing temperatures, boa constrictors, jaguars and tarantulas to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign.

To make his challenge even more difficult, Tim, from Castlethorpe, had to be entirely self-sufficient during the race, carrying a 15kg backpack.

After completing a 100k four day race, he went on to attempt to 200k course for six days. Tim, who runs, swims,

cycles and weight trains, aims to raise a total of $\pounds 20,000$.

He said: 'I got mixed views at Tesco. My colleagues were impressed but some of the senior time were a bit worried whether I would come back.



"It most definitely is the world's most dangerous race, for the terrain, the humidity and the fact that you are selfsufficient for it. I've done long runs before but never multiple day ones, and never abroad." Training with Team MK, based in Newport Pagnell, he hopes to attempt the Marathon de Sables across the Sahara Desert. To help Tim reach his

£20,000 sponsorship target, visit www.justgiving.com /tims_jungle_and_mds_chall enge Here comes Santa Claus!

Santa's Arrival at Dobbies

Milton Keynes 22nd November at 11.30am

On Sunday 22nd of November at 11.30am, Santa will arrive in style with Cinderella in her glass landau, at Dobbies Garden World in Milton Keynes to take up residence in his grotto until Christmas Eve. Santa will lead a festive parade, followed by a vintage car full of his favourite panto characters, including Prince Charming, Snow White and Captain Hook. Plus with a live band and DJ, fire engine, face painting, fairground, craft stalls and as well as tasty treats, it promises to be a great day out for all the family.

Santa's Grotto

Once he has arrived in-store, Santa will be in his grotto every Saturday and Sunday,* and everyday in the week running up to Christmas Eve. Tickets cost £5 and can be bought in-store – advanced booking is recommended. */beck in-store for extra dates and times

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Budding hacks in visit to newspaper office

A GROUP of children visited MK NEWS to get an insight into how a newspaper is produced.

The children aged six and seven from Greenleys Infant School were making the trip as part of a project run by the Family and Education Support Team to support schools and families in disad vantaged areas across the city.

Lisa Hales who organised the Smiling Inside project said: "Many schools are struggling to raise standards and we respond by pro-

viding projects, courses and training to schools and families to develop emotional wellbeing and engagement with learning.

The project aims to engage children in learning in a fun and meaningful way so that they become more motivated to learn, both inside and outside of the classroom.

"The aim is to help parents to meet the emotional needs of their children, to help parents engage their children in meaningful activities, and to further develop litera-cy skills."

While at MK NEWS offices in Fox Milne, the children were given a talk about how a newspaper is produced by editor David Gale and also had the opportunity to learn how to interview people and how to make their own newspaper. They also had the chance to write their own story about the visit and see a picture and story about their trip on the newspaper's website.

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The 'Kids Menu' offers exciting choices and parent's peace of mind when choosing for their children. The menu provides the right size portions for the age of the child, in line with Government guidelines and is the first to offer extra vegetable portions free for young diners.

The menu is set out to help youngsters learn to make their own choices and contains reduced fat and reduced salt options. It also includes organic pasta dishes and vegetarian options but without taking out any of the fun. And, by adding a portion of free vegetables, the kids menu now enables mums and dads to provide four of their children's '5-A-Day fruit and vegetables in one meal. As an added bonus, each child receives a 'Kids Activity Pack'. For the youngest guests, baby- changing facilities are also available along with easy pushchair access.

Value for money really is the order of the day at The Hungry Horse. The 'Two for £8' menu is offered all day Monday to Friday with dishes such as Haddock and Cheddar Cheese Fishcakes with Dressed Salad and Baked Potato or Spicy Tomato Arribbiata served with Garlic Ciabatta.

Wednesday night is curry night when 'Curry and A Drink' is on offer from just £4.99 with six different curries and on a Thursday you can receive a free drink with any big plate special grill meal from £5.99. Drinks available for these offers include Green King IPA, Fosters, Becks Vier, Coca-cola and Santa Carolina Chardonnay or Merlot.

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Cabbie caught in sting

A PRIVATE hire driver has been banned for six months after being caught unlawfully picking up fares off the street.

King Brown Minter, a private hire taxi driver with South Northants company Speedline, was also left nearly £2,000 out of pocket after being convicted of several offences relating to unlawfully plying for hire. It is the fourth such prosecution

brought by Milton Keynes Council in recent weeks and 16th this year, with a further 16 private hire dri-vers lined up to be taken to court.

Milton Keynes Magistrates court heard during a two-day trial on November 5 and 6 that Minter, of Oakworth Avenue, Broughton, was

caught in February and then again in April, by undercover council taxi licensing officers posing as cab customers.

By law private hire drivers can only pick up customers who have pre-booked the fare for a specific time and place. They are not allowed to pick up fares from the street or from a rank.

Minter had denied a number of charges but was found guilty of two counts of unlawfully plying for hire and two of having no valid insurance.

His insurance was invalidated because he was a private hire dri-ver acting as a Hackney carriage driver.

He was fined a total of £400 and

ordered to pay £1,500 costs, plus a £15 victim surcharge.

Twelve points were added to his licence for the insurance offences, which meant he was banned from driving for six months.

A Milton Keynes Council taxi licensing spokesman said: "This is the fourth prosecution of its kind in recent weeks and we have more coming. We will keep on prosecut-ing private hire drivers who operate outside the law. It's potentially dangerous for passengers as any insurance held is useless in the event of an accident.

"It's also unfair to otherlicensed private hire and Hackney carriage operators going about their business in a lawful manner.'



Peter Ward, dealer principal at . Stratstone Jaguar MK and Jon O'Neill, corporate fund-raising manager for the NSPCC with the new Jag



Win the new Jaguar XJ – and help kids

BY LAURA HANNAM

JAGUAR is offering an oppor-tunity to win a luxury saloon car worth more than £62,000.

The winner of car manufacturer's national competition will be given the very first new Jaguar XJ when it rolls off the production line later this year. A preview of the new model was given at the Milton Keynes showroom in Northfield last week in support of the competition, which aims to raise £1million for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC).

The money will help grow the charity's helpline, ChildLine, so it can answer many more contacts from children by phone, online and text.

Entry costs £125 and there is no limit to the number of entries per person.

Entrants must also correctly answer three questions about the new Jaguar XJ to be in for a chance to win the car.

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were also included.

"The young couple were delighted with the good news, "said Mr Paul Franks, a professional jeweller. He went on to say, "The couple asked me not to reveal the exact amount they received but I can confirm we were talking thousands of pounds.

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Many households have hidden treasure sitting with the owners not knowing the true value.

Well, this week is your chance to visit Holiday Inn, 500 Saxon Gate West, Milton Keynes, MK9 2OH.

Mr Franks added, with many years of experience in valuing purchasng and watches, jewellery and gems, I could tell you many stories when people have visited a Roadshow with items that were seemingly of little value to them.'

Whilst reading this article, many readers will be thinking of an old item or a piece of unused jewellery.

VALUATION

RECORD Mr Franks added, A 'The reasons behind AT choosing Holiday Inn, 500 Saxon Gate West, S Milton Keynes, MK9 0 20H. is because it's well situated and well

known to local people. The Roadshow will be the last of its kind to visit the hotels. Many items are hoped to be found.'

Your help is needed to make this unusual event a success - with a free

valuation service and no obligation to sell, what is there to lose?

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New Girls' School for Bedford

Trustees are delighted to announce that a new selective independent day school for girls, aged 7 to 18, called Bedford Girls' School, will open in Bedford as a result of the planned merger between Bedford High School for Girls and Dame Alice Harpur School.

Bedford Girls' School will be located on Cardington Road, Bedford (the current Dame Alice Harpur School site) and will continue to offer the outstanding choice of academic, sporting and extra curricular opportunities, and benefits, that you would expect from a Harpur Trust School.

Combining the strengths, academic excellence and heritage of our existing girls' schools, it is our vision that Bedford Girls' School will create opportunities for every girl to develop her potential to the full, creating confident, independent, versatile and successful adults, equipped with the skills and values to meet the challenges of a changing society and to provide the best possible educational foundation for life.

The opening of Bedford Girls' School, and the closure of our existing girls' schools, will happen in phases. The first phase will be the opening of Bedford Girls' Junior School on the Cardington Road site in September 2010, when the combined junior school girls will transfer to this site, and prospective juniors will join them, to enjoy an all round education, in small classes, taught by our talented and inspirational staff. Current and prospective parents and their daughters are warmly invited to view the superb Junior School facilities and experience the friendly and happy atmosphere at Cardington Road on Wednesday 25th November.

Trustees envisage that the merger of the current Senior Schools and Sixth Forms onto the Cardington Road site will be completed by September 2012. During the interim phase girls will continue to receive the first class education they currently enjoy, along with the highest standards of pastoral care. We are still welcoming registrations for day girls in all years to begin their educational experience with us at both sites. Parents and their daughters are therefore warmly invited to come and view both of our Senior Schools and Sixth Forms at Open Events on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th November.

Bedford Girls' School Open Event Wednesday 25th November 2009

We warmly invite you to come and visit the Cardington Road site where Bedford Girls' Junior School will be located from September 2010

Guided tours will take place at 10am, 11am, 2pm and 3pm.

Please call 01234 361918 to book your place.

The success and reputation of Bedford Girls' School will be ensured by the heritage it draws from Bedford High School for Girls and Dame Alice Harpur School, and also through the dedication and leadership of the Headmistress and her highly qualified and experienced staff. We expect the selection process for the Head of Bedford Girls' School, and the Head of Bedford Girls' Junior School, to be completed by December 2009 and be announced soon afterwards.

Our existing girls' schools are well regarded and have provided generations of girls with a happy and successful educational experience that has seen them gain places at top universities and forge successful careers; Bedford Girls' School will continue this tradition. With the dedication, commitment and support of Trustees, staff,

> pupils and parents we have the opportunity to create a truly outstanding girls' school where your daughter will flourish.

> We invite you and your daughter to join us on this exciting journey.

Sally Peck Chair of Merger Project Steering Group



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Open Event Tuesday 24th November 2009

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'Never give up' stroke victim's book about life

BY LAURA HANNAM laura hannam@mk-news.co.ul

A MAN who has rebuilt his life after suffering two strokes, a heart attack and having his leg amputated has written a **book about his journey.** With his autobiography Back

to Reality: a Journey, Bernard Jones, 70, from Hills Close, Great Linford, hopes to send a message to other people that you can pull through such trauma and live a happy and

fulfilling life. The book, which Bernard has self-published through Author House, covers the last seven years of his life, since he suffered two strokes in 2002 and was forced to give up his job as a driving instructor.

The second stroke, which was five weeks after the first, left his left arm paralysed. Bernard said: "You basically

have to go back to basics and learn to do everything again, to read and write.

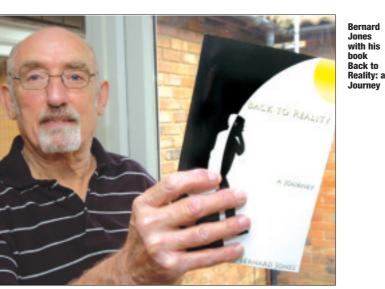
"It is hard work but if you

want to get better you do it." The following year he under-went an unrelated operation on his ankle to rectify an old football injury he suffered while serving with the airforce as a cook in the 1960s.

The operation did not go to plan and while he was in and out of hospital for six months having further surgery, his leg became infected and had to be amputated to save his life. Mr Jones said: "I had to learn

how to use a wheel chair and then later how to walk on a false leg.

"It was a difficult adjustment as at the time I was living alone in the small village of Abthorpe, near Towcester, with



my two children as my wife and I had divorced five years earlier, but we got through it." Bernard was back behind the wheel of a car within a couple of months of the amputation. Through hard work and physiotherapy he has recently gained some use of his left

arm, but still has no feeling in His son Sam, 27, and daughter Madeline, 25, have now moved out of his home and, after relocating to Milton Keynes a year ago, Bernard leads an active life, exercising

at the gym every day, swim-ming and playing golf. He said: "I can't use my left arm for golf but I have knocked the ball 120 yards, which is probably better than I

could do before.

"I won't be defeated. I think it's my northern blood as I grew up in Yorkshire. "That's the message I want to

give to people - to never give

The proceeds from his book are to go to the Milton Keynes Centre for Integrated Living (CIL), which provides services to disabled people and their families and carers, and Different Stokes, a Milton Keynes based national charity that provides support for stroke survivors including exercise classes, which classes, Bernard attends at Shenley Lodge Leisure Centre once a week. He said: "Their support has

been fantastic.

"I was welcomed with open arms at the CIL and was given information on everything you need to know from a disabled person's point of view.'

"I want to raise awareness that there is support available out there.

Bernard's book can be bought from www.authorhouse.co.uk for a reduced price of £5. It is also available from

www.borders.co.uk or www.amazon.co.uk for £7.99. Bernard is happy to speak to other stoke survivors and disabled people to give support

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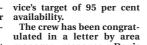


Olney retained firefighters the tops

A CREW of retained firefight-ers has been recognised for achieving a high level of performance.

The 10 crew members at Olney Fire Station have achieved 96.8 per cent availability between April 2007 and April 2009.

This surpassed the fire ser-



manager response, Denis O'Driscoll. RDS crews are paid staff who do the same job as full-time firefighters but are not based in a fire station.

Instead they are on standby, waiting to be called out get. from home or work.

Area Manager Denis O'Driscoll said: "This is a fantastic achievement for the crew who, bearing in mind they work the Retained Duty System, have consis-tently reached and exceeded

a very high performance tar-

"We recognise the commitment that our RDS staff offer and the support and flexibility that is also provided by many local employers in releasing their staff to sup-port a vital community safe-ty function."



Slapstick fun as clowns roll up

THERE will be plenty of clowning around at thecentre:mk tomorrow.

The shopping centre is playing host to the International Clown Awards with top professional clowns from across the UK taking part.

Clowns International is the oldest established organisa-tion for clowns in the World. It was founded in 1946 as the International Circus Clowns' Club in England. This year's Christmas theme at thecentre:mk is the The Big Top Christmas Show. Big UK)

To celebrate the event there will be a judging day for their annual awards which include the Silly Willy Award for best Auguste clown, the Rainbow Award for most innovative act and/or mime and the Clown Bluey Award for best parade prop/gag.

Thursday's events will start with a clown parade at 3pm with shows from 3.30pm to 7.30pm.

Clown Bluey, honoray vice president of Clowns International said: "Each year we run the Clown International Awards with

nine categories celebrating the best Clowns. This year is no exception; Clowns International has clown members worldwide and we will have around 30 clowns from across the UK with one even travelling from Denmark to take part.

The Christmas show at thecentre:mk is a perfect opportunity to showcase some of the best talents we have to an audience who may not normally see it.

The clown acts will be viewed by a Clowns International panel, with every act being evaluated

and assessed, all acts having the opportunity to win one of Clowns International's prestigious annual awards which are announced and presented at Clowns International's clowns festival in March 2010.

Jackie Tracey, events man-ger for thecentre:mk ager added: "Our Christmas show aims to be as creative as possible each year. With this year's theme being a Big Top Circus this event is another example of thecentre:mk bringing new events to Milton Keynes which may not normally happen.



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Met's ex-top cop to help stop crime in Thames Valley

FORMER Metropolitan police chief Sir Ian Blair is heading up crime prevention in the region.

Šir Ian, previously a Thames Valley deputy chief constable, has today been appointed chairman of the Thames Valley Partnership, a local voluntary crime prevention organisation which supports local authorities, police, community groups, welfare, health and other agencies to reduce crime and create safer communities.

Chief executive of the partnership, Lindsey Poole, said: "Sir Ian not only brings 30 years experience, but has been a long-standing and leading advocate for communitybased projects such as ours that reduce crime levels and create safer communities. His energy and expertise, plus local knowledge will be critical in helping to ensure Thames Valley remains at the forefront of developing the initiatives that make us all feel, and actually be, safer in our own neighbourhoods. "The likelihood of public funding cuts means less money will have to be spread further, making it critical that we in Thames Valley maximise the available resources, so that our region continues to build safer communities and reduce crime. Sir Ian's leadership will help us achieve that objective.

Sir Ian Blair said: "Having shed the uniform and respon-sibilities of dealing with the consequences of crime, I am now eager to bring my experience to focus on preventing crime in the first place, for the benefit of every community in the Thames Valley region.

"There are huge personal, social and taxpayer costs in coping with the consequences of crime. It is cheaper, and much less tragic in human terms, if we act to prevent crime. The Thames Valley region is already a national leader in crime prevention strategies, but there is still much we can do to improve co-ordination between agencies and to collaboratively share resources.





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In the shade: Celebrating the SunSmart canopy at Hanslope Primary School

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PUPILS are basking in the glory of learned lessons about enjoying the winning a national competition by Cancer Research UK.

The children at Hanslope Primary School produced a winning set of

posters highlighting how to enjoy the sun safely. They won a shade canopy worth over £3,000 for their school, which has now been installed in the playground by Shade Sails Ltd.

Claire Britnell, the school's deputy head, said: "The children are thrilled at winning. They have

sun safely and nowwill be able to spend time under the shade canopy when the sun is strong."

The competition was launched earlier this year to help pupils learn how to stay safe in the sun, both on foreign holidays and during time spent outdoors in the spring and summer months.

■ The children's artwork is on display on the SunSmart website at www.sunsmart.org.uk

Aiming for a global charity catering for local people

A WOMAN from Fullers Slade is setting up a new charity to help local people.

Michelle Johnston, from Blackdown, has started a group called Charity Begins at Home aiming to help local charities, community projects and schools.

Mrs Johnston, who has experience working with national charities, said: "From speaking to lots of people, we have found that they are becoming disillusioned with charities, as more often than not the money given goes outside of our own areas and and is eaten up by swanky offices. "Our vision is to become a

worldwide charity with local people in their own communities raising money to help their local causes.

Mrs Johnson has applied for charity status for the organisation and must raise £5,000 to be successful and during December a collection box will be placed in the Greenleys Post Office

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Moves to improve learning on estates

MILTON Keynes College is play-ing a part in helping local people realise their potential as part of regeneration work on three city estates.

The college is working with MK Council's Regeneration Team to help raise educational attainment in Fishermead, Tinkers Bridge and The Lakes.

Additional funding through the council's recession busters pro-gramme has been provided to help the college offer a numbercourses

In Fishermead residents of Frank Howe Court, a sheltered housing complex for older people learning the basics of how to use computers. They took part in 'An Introduction to Computers', run by the Living Archive. The MK College supports MK

Language Centre which continues to run popular courses at the Trinity Centre.

These are attended by Fishermead residents and by residents in surrounding neighbourhoods

Residents of Tinkers Bridge were offered Healthy Lifestyles and Literacy courses at The Meeting Place. At a recent workshop for residents we were told that "access to and from educational courses is difficult.

On The Lakes Estate Healthy



Lifestyles and Literacy courses started last month and DIY workshops are being offered in the Warren Children's Centre.

UK Online national computer training is now available to residents at The Spotlight Office on Serpentine Court, and a 'Getting Started' childcare course by the Pre: School Learning Alliance

starts in January. The purpose of the childcare course is to train residents as creche workers.

Ian Phillips. regeneration spokesman for Milton Keynes Council said: "The childcare course has the added benefit of enabling residents to opt for work at the creche on the estate should

they choose to do so.'

Kaye Dwight, project manager from MK College added: "A num ber of people who want to regain employment have received Adult Teaching qualifications, delivered Milton Keynes Language bv Centre, funded through College's New Routes to Success programme."

Reginald Haynes from The

shows his

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mouse skills to

Kaye Dwight

and Clir Jenni

Ferrans

Cllr Jenni Ferrans, responsiblefor community strategy and regenera-tion, said: "Helping people improve their skills is one of the most important things we can do to improve people's opportunities and chances in life. There are more places available for residents from these areas, so contact the team now and apply.'



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it uses the latest technology to produce top-quality recordings for artists and bands in the funkiest set-up you'll ever experience! To celebrate the launch the new

range of affordable studio experiences, Hollywood Music and Rockhopper Studios have teamed up to bring this professional recording studio right outside the store on Stony Stratford High Street. And it's opening up around 25 session-slots on the day, every one half price at just £45.

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SIMON DARNELL

HARDCORE UPROAR 2009

Together A COUPLE of weeks back I listened to the latest in a very, very long line of remixes of Frankie Goes To Hollywood's Relax and was none too impressed.

Well, this week I'm redressing the balance.

If Together had recorded Hardcore Uproar today instead of back in 1990 (a tricky task given that the vocal talent is no longer with us) this is probably about as close as you'd get to how it would sound.

All the main parts are still here apart from the Star Wars sample. but that's probably because the legal people are better at advertising their services these days.

What makes this a bit special is that the beat has been refitted, beefed up and actually goes with the song rather than simply being tacked on to make it sound more up to date (yes Frankie that means you).

It's not often that a reworking of an old song gets it pretty much spot on, but that's what's happened here.

USE SOMEBODY

Ultrabeat Ultrabeat covering the Kings of Leon – this can only end badly – and does

Actually, to be fair it starts off badly too and the middle's none too

I don't actually like the original,

COMPETITION TIME

but even I can appreciate that the Kings of Leon threw everything they had into it.

Ultrabeat's approach has been to try and make it sound like a sub-Basshunter quality dance number, and the result is somehow even worse than I feared.

ARCADIA Ash

They've actually gone and done it. They threatened to bring out 26 singles over the next 52 weeks and they're carrying out that threat.

They kicked off proceedings with True Love 1980, which was alright but a bit twee, and then followed it up with Joy Kicks Darkness, a fairly standard workout for the guitars and drums.

This is better than either of them, which is good news, mind you even those two were better than the singles they released from their last album.

To say that this particular exercise has reinvigorated Ash is an understatement - some of the stuff they've put out this year has been full of get up and go, which in stark contrast to their recent output where it had got up and gone.

Arcadia bounds along like a hyperactive yet friendly puppy and even has a piano thrown in for good measure and because it won't reach the chart I can safely recommend it without putting my usual hex on it. See, everyone's a winner.

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THE CHRISTIANS

Friday, November 20. 8pm TIME to give another listen to soulful pop gems such as Forgotten Town, Ideal World, Hooverville and their number 1 hit Harvest For The World. Tickets £19.50

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GLYNDEBOURNE ON TOUR

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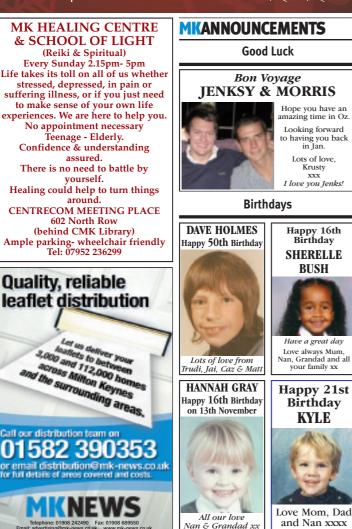
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Winter wonderlands

WRING every last ounce of day-light from the shorter days in winter by getting out and visiting your local park. Whether it's a brief walk at

lunchtime with colleagues, a quick walk with the dog in the morning before work or an afternoon with friends and family at the weekend, the city's parks are literally on your doorstep.

So ditch the car and walk for a few minutes to reach your nearest park

Visiting the parks is a great way to combat the winter blues, get some fresh air and escape the hustle and bustle leading up to Christmas.

To make your visit extra special why not join one of The Parks Trust's organised activities? Pull on your mittens, gather your family and friends together and join park rangers on a

wildlife wonder walk. Discover the magic of nature at this special time of year. In winter, without the trees' summer leaves, the activities of birds become easier to spot.

Look for tracks and signs of animal activity as well as identifying winter trees and plants.

COMPETITION TIME

The Christmas Wildlife Wonder Walk takes place on Sunday 13 December at 10am until 11.30 at Ouse Valley Park. The walk is just a £1 and must be booked in advance.

The Parks Trust's popular annual outdoor carols will take place at Willen Lake in support of Willen Hospice.

The shimmering waters of the lake will provide a magical atmosphere underneath the stars for traditional carols.

Join the throng on Sunday 20 December at 4pm until 5.30. This event is free and there's no need to book. Come dressed for

the weather and bring a lantern. Families can work together to make festive decorations.

Our Jingle All The Way event involves crafts, games and Christmassy fun at Campbell Park.

The fun takes place on Tuesday 22 December, from 10am-12pm

and 1-3pm. A charge of £3 per person will be made for materials.

Booking is essentia– call The Parks Trust on 01908 255379. Alternatively you can download a walk or a list of wildlife to look out for from the trust's website. For further information and

other events in December visit www.theparkstrust.com

PARTY**NIGHTS**

Alive and kicking

THE credit crunch is not to blame for the downfall of city restaurants.

Poor management, continually slipping standards and a lack of understanding of what cus-tomers actually want is.

That's the view of Mark Henderson, director of Bistro L!VE, a thriving live music restaurant in the city. He said: "Its easy to blame the

recession for restaurants going under but how can that be pos-sible when other restaurants are having to put on extra nights throughout the Christmas period to fulfil the demand?

"Bistro Live has a 300 capacity restaurant in MK and has already sold out on a number of Christmas Party Nights.

"The biggest mistake venues are making is assuming that the general consumer just wants cheap nights when, in fact ,all they want is great value for their

"Slashing prices will obviously draw the first flush of consumers in – but it's a lose lose situation. Cut the price and the quality normally goes the same way, meaning no repeat business and

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XSCAPE CHRISTMAS

Friday, November 20 CHRISTMAS is coming to Xscape.

From Friday (November 20) there will be incredible excitement and festive entertainment for all the family.

On Friday between 3-6pm you can get in the festive mood as there will be real reindeer on hand to pet and feed.

Between 7-9pm the cast of Milton Keynes Theatre pantomime will be kicking off the Christmas experience with carol singers, free champagne and mince pies and even a free gift wrapping service! The festivities will continue

up until Christmas set amid a traditional winter log cabin with an amazing talking, interactive moose, and beautiful Christmas trees.

There will be screenings of classic Christmas movies with free hot chocolate and mince pies in the log cabin and also free gift wrapping from 'The National Elf Service'.

With Christmas art and craft workshops, along with on-going entertainment, you'll have to make sure you get your shopping done too! Late night shopping will be

on Thursday November 2 and December 3, 10 and 17 with live music, free champagne and nibbles stores open 'til 9pm.

THE INFORMANT

Matt Damon, Melanie Lynskey

From Friday IN the early 90s, Mark Whitacre (Damon), a biochemist, liaises with the FBI to root out a possible industrial spy then reveals that his employers are involved in a price-fixing cartel. While gathering evidence, Mark gradually reveals his own embezzlement schemes.

PI ANFT 51

Dwayne Johnson, Jessica Biel, Justin Long, Gary Oldman, John Cleese From Friday

AMERICAN astronaut Captain Charles 'Chuck' Baker lands on Planet 51 thinking he's the first person to step foot on it. To his surprise, he finds it inhabited by little green people.

GLORIOUS 39 (12A) Romola Garai, Bill Nighy

From Friday AN idyllic pre-war summer in the British countryside is ruined for the eldest daughter of the Keyes family when she discovers conspiracy, and possibly trea-son, closer to home than she thinks.

A SERIOUS MAN (15)

Michael Stuhlbarg, Richard Kind, Aaron Wolff, Fred Melamed From Friday

Larry Gopnik's (Stuhlbarg) wife wants a divorce. Larry Gopnik's son owes the school bully \$20 for a bag of marijuana. his brother, Albert (Kind), is sleeping on the sofa. And Larry? He just wants to know how it all went wrong, and what he can do about it.

2012

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HARRY BROWN (18)

Michael Caine, Emily Mortimer, Iain Glen, Jack O, Liam Cunningham, David Bradley, Now showing

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the world during the Great Depression.

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DAILY LIFE

WEDNESDAY

WOLVERTON & District Historical Society. The Clattering of the Stagecoach - a talk by Ann Leaver. Stony Stratford Scout Hall, Vicarage Road. 7.30pm. MK 565481

A NIGHT of Crime at Waterstone's Milton Keynes. 6.30pm. Crime authors Mark Billingham and Laura Wilson talk about their writing. Tickets £3. For more information call the store on 01908 395384.

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

ROCKINGHORSENIGHTS: Stratpack at The White Horse, Stony Stratford. Sinatra, Martin and Davis Jnr take over, cunningly disguised as Andy Powell, Paul Baker and Darren Clewley. Free entry. Starts 9pm. Phone 01908 567082

SUNDAY

DREAM of Gerontius. MK Theatre. Jean Rigby, mezzo-soprano. Justin Lavender, tenor. Benjamin Bevan, bass-baritone. Danesborough Chorus, Milton Keynes Chorale, Milton Keynes City Orchestra, Conductor Ian Smith Tickets: £20 £17 £14 £10 £8 (concs on top three prices).01908 583460 or www.mkchorale.org.uk

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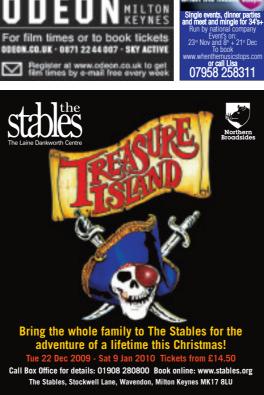
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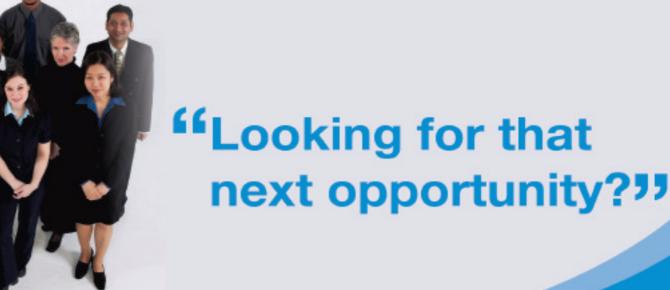
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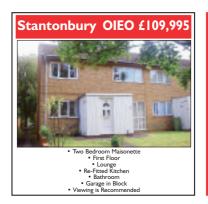
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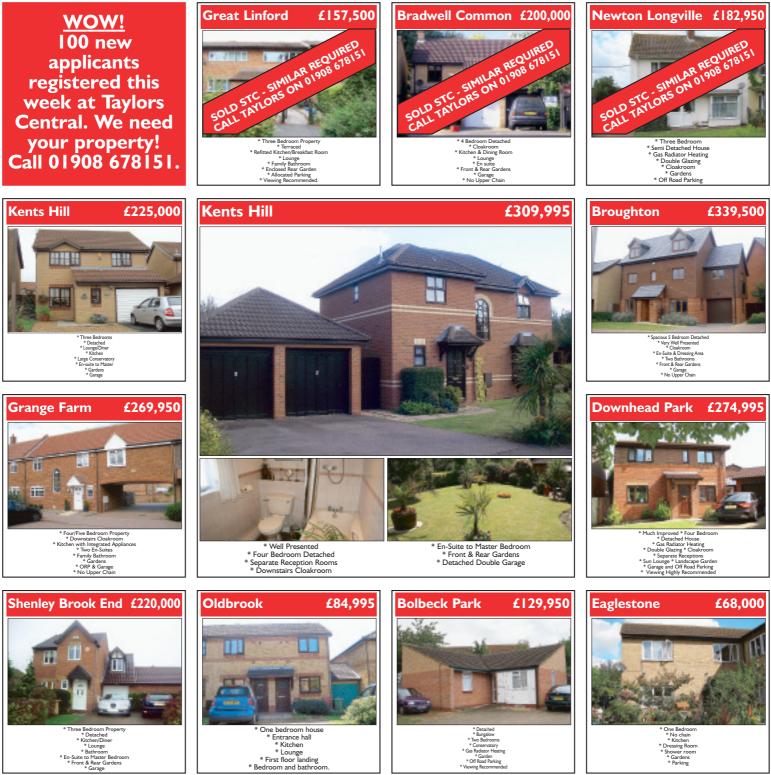
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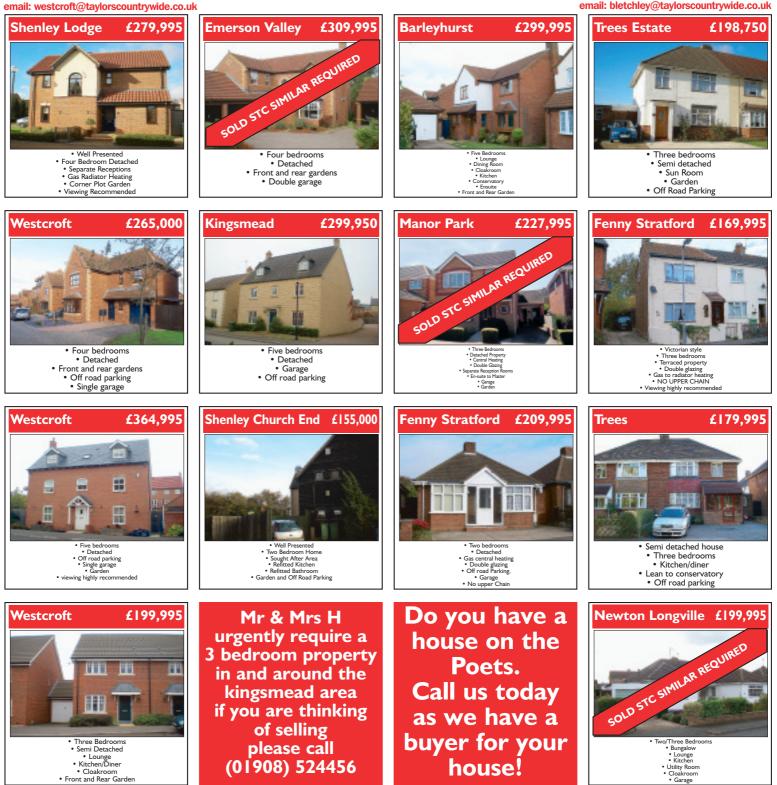


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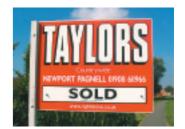
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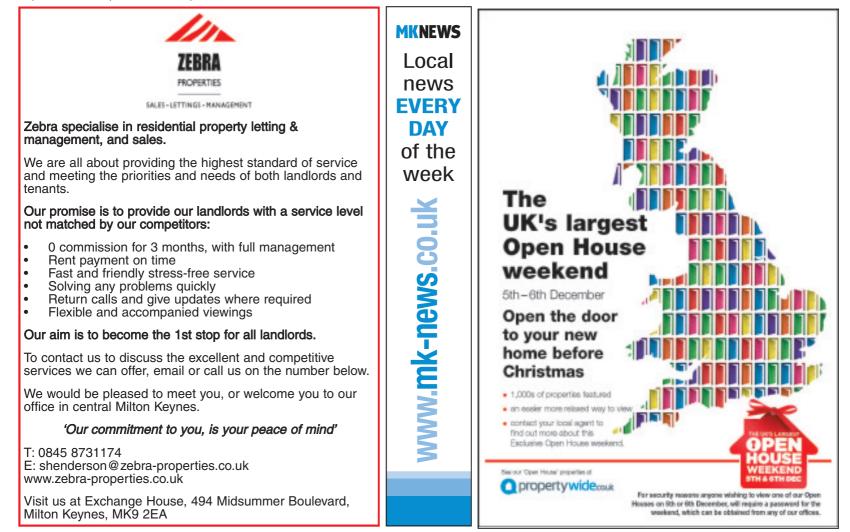
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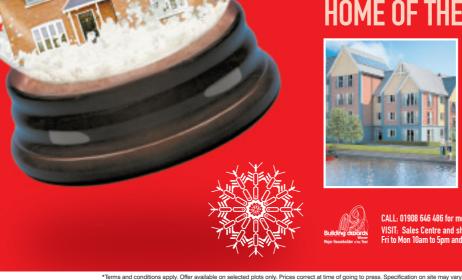
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Students celebrate gaining NVQs on **Chamber of Commerce-run courses**

BY LAURA HANNAM

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MORE than 160 students have achieved qualifications with the help of the Chamber of Commerce.

The trainees gained their NVQ this year on courses run by the Milton Keynes and North Bucks Chamber of Commerce (COC). They achieved the qualification

across a number of different subjects including Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools, Customer Service, Management, Business and Administration and, Learning Development & Support. Organisations that put their staff forward for training with the COC included Coca Cola Enterprises,

Jungheinrich, Shaw Ĝroup, Walton High School and Milton Keynes Council

Rita Spada, cheif executive officer at the COC, who presented the graduates with their certificates at a ceremony recently, said: "There are 135,000 people employed in Milton Keynes and it is vital to the overall future and sustainability of the city that companies recognise the need to train and nurture their workplace development.

"I would like to congratulate all of

this year's graduates. "Through the Chamber's NVQ programme we aim to provide this high level of training to many more employees over the coming years.'

■ For more information on the NVQ training programme visit www.mk-chamber.co.uk or call 01908 259000.

Pandora opens in time for Christmas

GLOBAL jewellery brand Pandora has opened a store at thecentre:mkin time for Christmas.

The Pandora store is the latest in a number of new retailers to open which includes luxury travel operator Kuoni.

Over the past two months fashion retailers such as Reiss, Label and Pulp have opened as well as jewellery retailers Fabulous and Pandora, Calendar Club, and children's traditional toy suppliers Little Timbers.

The new openings come on the back of the opening of TK Maxx in the summer and launch of the Premium Quarter which features Phase Eight, Kurt Geiger, Jaeger and now Pandora.

Sharn Lall, manager of Pandora said, "thecentre:mk store is the latest in a planned roll out of 25 Pandora stores across the UK. We're thrilled to complete the premium quarter line up and the timing is perfect for Christmas trading."

Once the Christmas rush is out of the way, another new store, Kuoni is perfectly placed to help people with their holidays for 2010.

Robert Goodman, Centre Director for thecentre:mk, said: "The new lettings are absolutely fabulous news for the shoppers who come to thecentre:mk. These new stores give shoppers an increased range in choice from large multinational brands through to independent traders. These lettings mean that thecentre:mk is now virtually 100 per cent let for Christmas.'



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Andy Smith and Tracey Clarke from Amway present a cheque for £500 to John Cove and Paul Mitchell from the MK Dons SET and MK Dons chairman Pete Winkelman

Dons winger is treading in the footsteps of Ronaldinho

HEALTHY living giants Amway had to dig deep for charity this week due to a wager placed with MK Dons player Lewis Gobern.

The American company, whose UK headquarters is based in Caldecotte, vowed to donate £500 to the MK Dons Sport and Education Trust for every goal Gobern scores during the season. And after the talented Dons

winger bagged his first of the campaign in the recent FA Cup win over Macclesfield Town at stadiummk, Amway, the Dons' healthy living partner, were only too happy to open their chequebook in support of the SET's work in the local community.

All the money raised from Lewis's goals this season will go towards the trust's efforts to develop dis-ability football across the region, with the first donation being pre-sented from Amway UK/ROI branch manager Andy Smith to trust representatives Tuesday's game last at against Northampton

The initiative was inspired by Amway's sponsorship of Brazilian superstar Ronaldinho, which helped raise \$100,000 for the AC Milan foundation, and is part of the company's One By One cam-paign that helps improve the well-being of children worldwide.

Andy Smith said: "It's great to see Lewis get the campaign up and running and we're hoping it's the first of several goals for him this season!

"As healthy living partner to MK Dons, our aim is to contribute our expertise to the first team players but also to support MK Dons SET's new disability scheme through Amway's 'One by One' pro-gramme."

John Cove, chief executive of the MK Dons Sport and Education Trust, said: "We're tremendously excited about the relationship with Amway and the generous way in which they are supporting our work, especially our work with

people with a disability. The whole of the trust is urging Lewis to score every time he gets the ball and there was huge excitement when he scored his goal and netted £500 at the same time.

"We're looking forward to more goals, so, no pressure Lewis!" With the Dons still fighting on

three fronts this season Football League 1, the FA Cup and the Football League Trophy, Lewis will be aiming to keep the goals com-ing to the benefit of the both the team and the MK Dons SET.

MK Dons players already benefit from Amway's 75 years experience in nutrition and research by receiving expert advice and health products – including 'NUTRILITE Daily' multi-vitamin and mineral product that, through many nat-ural plant substances, includes many phytonutrients and antioxidants; and the exclusive Strive isotonic energy drink for rehydration as part of the Dons' strict training regime.



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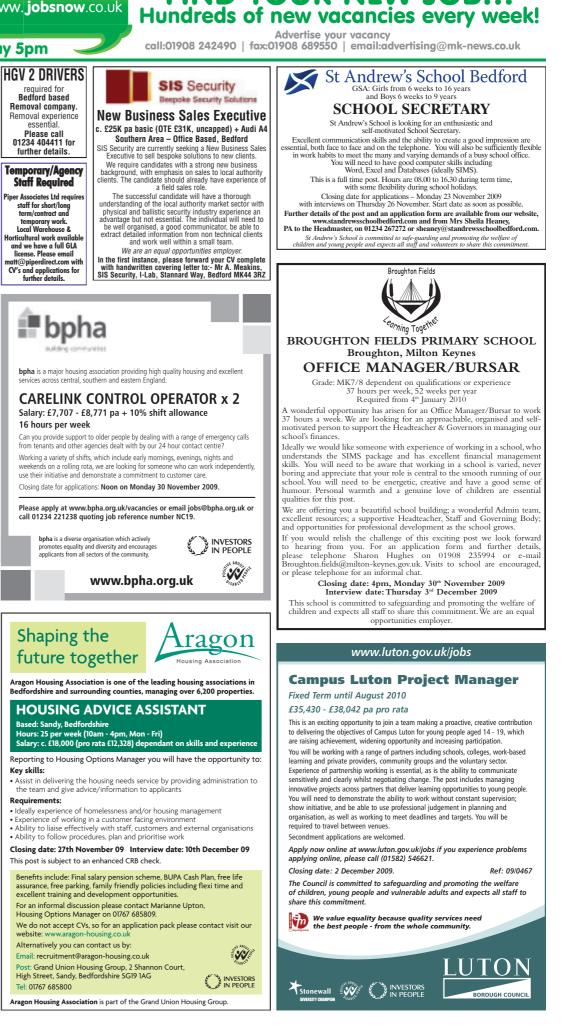


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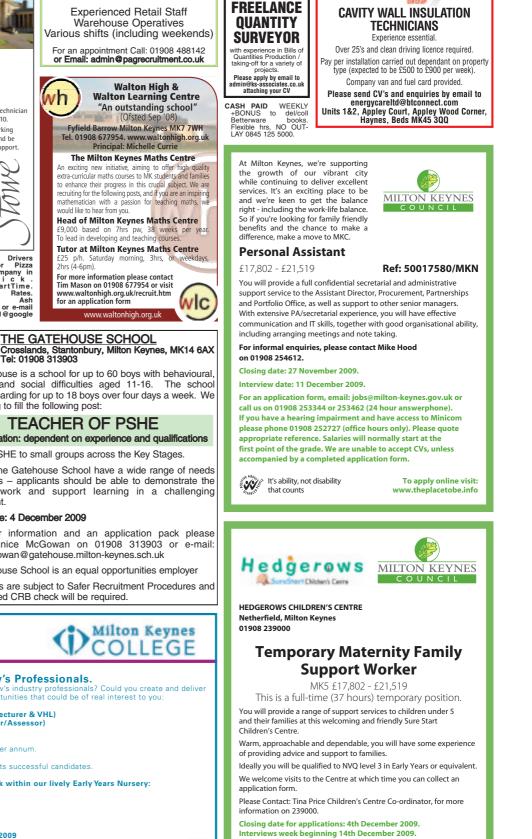
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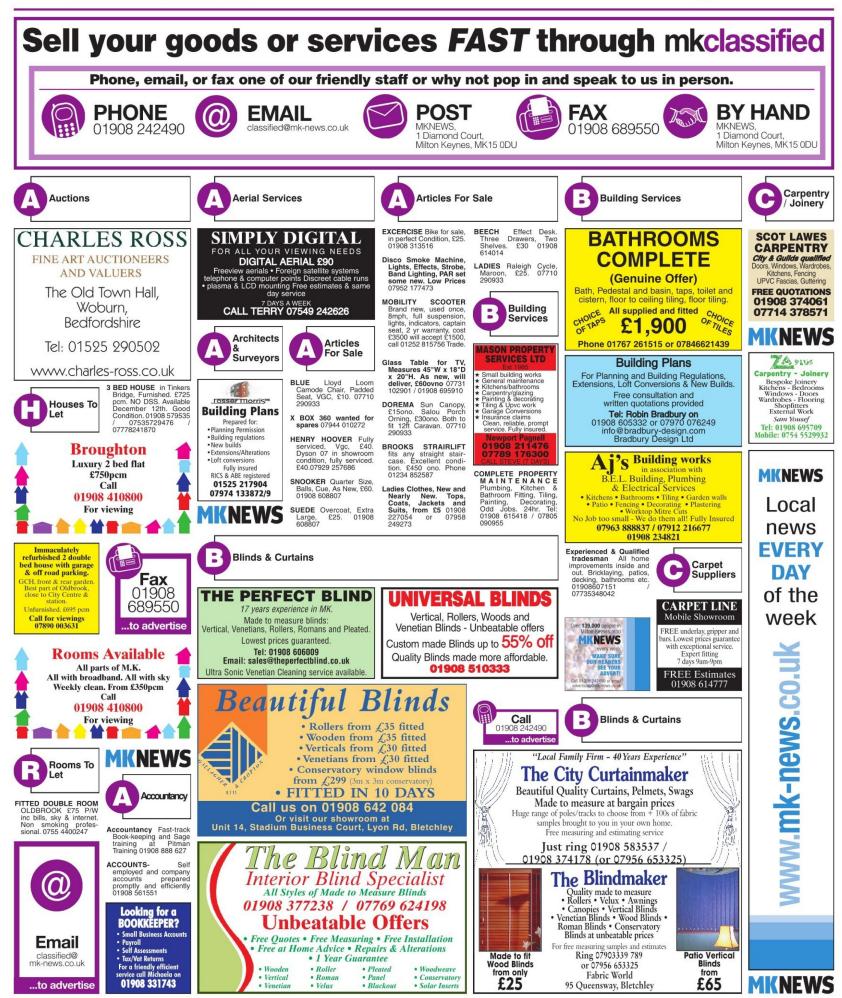


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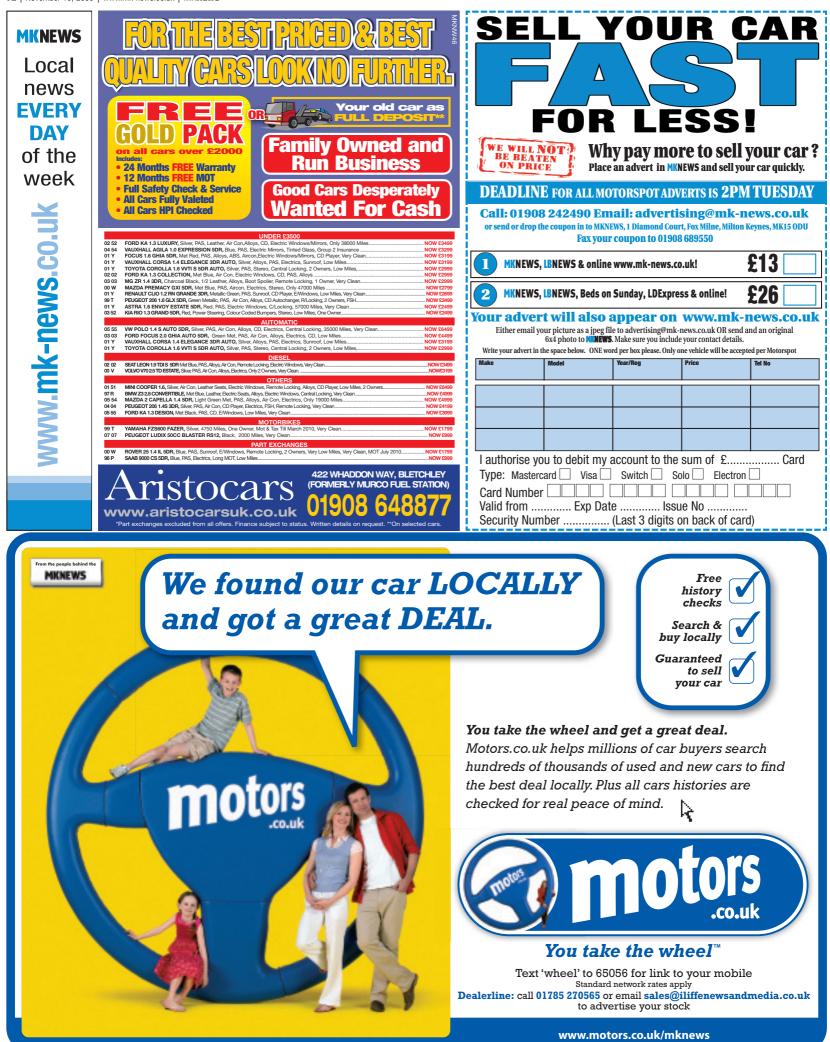




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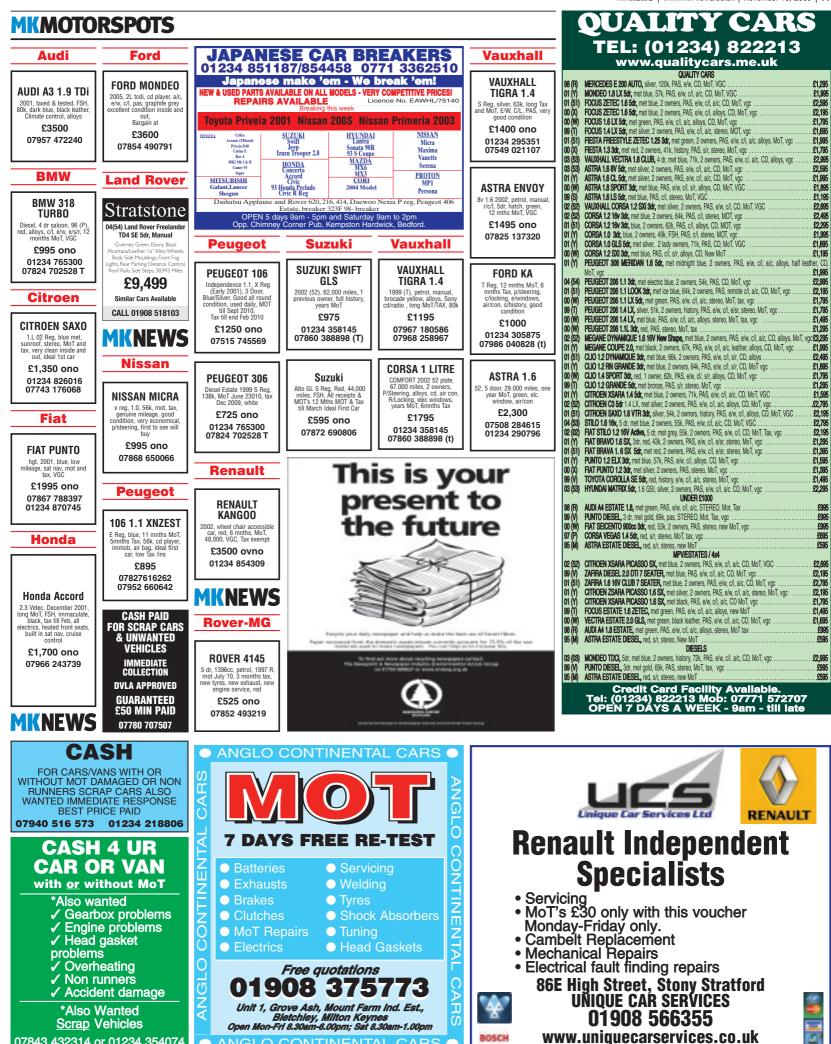
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Into The Valley



CHARLTON ATHLETIC 5 Mooney 13, Bailey 21, Sam 65, S.Sodje 73, Burton 76

MK DONS 1

Wilbraham 10

BY SIMONE CORGAN simone.corgan@mk-news.co.uk

MK Dons suffered their worst defeat of the season at the hands of Charlton Athletic, despite taking the lead at The

Valley. Charlton came back from Aaron Wilbraham's tenth minute strike to smash five past a shaky Dons defence.

Goals from David Mooney and Nicky Bailey in the space of eight minutes posted the Addicks into the lead.

Lloyd Sam, Sam Sodje and Dion Burton then completed the scoring to ensure a thoroughly miserable afternoon for the Dons. The victory for second-placed Addicks moved them three points clear of the Dons.

Paul Ince, without Jermaine Easter and Stephen Gleeson due to international call ups and the suspended Dean Lewington, handed Sam Baldock his first league start and once again did not name a goalkeeper on the bench.

Early in the game the Dons appeared to be hungry for goals, a point which was proved when Wilbraham opened the scor-

ing out of nothing at The Valley. The striker, stand in skipper for the day, picked up a loose ball on the left and from the very corner of the box lashed a wonder-ful left footed strike beyond Carl Ikeme.

In their next attack the Dons could have doubled their lead when Charlton failed to pick up Luke Chadwick's run into the area and just as the defence recovered Wilbraham's low shot was cleared on the

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23	Tranmere	16	2	1	5	10	17	1	0	7	2	18	-23	10
24	Wycombe	16	1	2	5	6	10	0	3	5	9	21	-16	8



Anger management: Dons players confront the referee after he dismissed a penalty appeal

line by Kelly Youga, although most Dons players argued the defender had done so with the use of his hand.

However, the Dons' lead last for just three minutes when they were once again beaten from a set-piece.

David McCracken managed to get his head on the end of Nicky Bailey's free-kick unfortunately for the Dons centre back he put the ball straight at the feet of David Mooney who needed no second invitation to level the scores.

The goal had clearly given Charlton the momentum they needed and Bailey turned from provider to scorer thanks to the work rate of Sam.

The winger showed a clean pair of heels down the flank and when his cross was whipped in Powell missed his attempt to clear but Bailey was waiting at the far post to head the home side in front.

Dons should have been given the opportunity to level seconds later when Dailley handled the ball from Powell's header - but the referee failed to notice and the visitors missed out on a penalty. On the stroke of half-time Gueret kept the

deficit at one goal with a fantastic block the even the big Frenchman might not have known too much about when Bailey's freekick was somehow kept out with his feet.

It could have been damage limitation in

COMING UP

SOUTHEND League One Friday, November 19 Roots Hall. KO 7.45pm



DONS will be hoping that trip down to the seaside on Friday night will shake off the demons from last weeks drubbing.

It was a bitter pill for Ince and his men to swallow at the Valley and Ince is likely to start up front with his top scorer Jermaine Easter. Southend currrently sit in 13th place in the league and will be looking for a response themselves after losing 1-0 at Yeovil at the

weekend. The Blues will be looking to gain revenge for their Johnstone's Paint Trophy defeat at

stadium:mk last month. Roots Hall was a happy hunting ground for

all the points with a 2-0 win.

the second half, but the Dons had managed to stay in contention and a large travelling Dons support were hopeful for an equaliser to come their way.

But it was a long way back for the Dons when Sam bagged Charlton's third of the match. The Dons' defence was once again in disarray as Christian Dailly played a long free-kick into the box and Dion Burton controlled with his chest to allow Sam to weave his way through and finish in a clinical fashion

Dons' troubles continued when Doumbe was well beaten by Sam Sodje to plant a thumping header from a corner beyond the reach of Gueret.

A fifth followed when Burton broke through to the box to head on to Sam's nod down from the edge of the box - Gueret did managed to get his palm to the ball but it wasn't enough. CHARLTON ATHLETIC: Ikeme, Richardson (Basey

63), Youga, Bailey (c), Semedo. Racon, Burton (McKenzie 76), Sam, Sodje, Mooney (Akpo Sodje 76), Dailly. Booked: Sam, McKenzie

MK DONS: Gueret, Doumbe, McCracken, Wilbraham (c), Baldock, Gobern (Ibehre 84), Puncheon, Davis Woodards 75), Leven, Powell, Chadwick (Johnson 69). Booked: Davis, Leven, Woodards, Puncheon, Powell

Referee: Keith Hill (Hertfordshire) Attendance: 17,188

CARLISLE UNITED League One Tuesday, November 24 Stadiummk. KO 7.45pm



CARLISLE travel to stadiummk with only one win on their travels. They have also shipped 14 goals.

Carlisle midfielder Marc Bridge-Wilkinson could still be a doubt for the trip following a knee injury sustained during training.

But manager Greg Abbott will be hoping that his team can pull off one of the shocks of the day on the long journey down from Brunton Park.

By the time the team are in MK they will already have played a cup replay against Morecambe and a home tie against Swindon. Carlisle, like the Dons have also mad it

VIEW FROM THE MOOCAMP

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Dons at Hereford for Johnstone's Paint Trophy semis

MK Dons will travel to Hereford United in the area semi-finals of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy following Saturday morning's draw.

The Dons were handed a tie against the Bulls at Edgar Street on Saturday's Soccer AM show on Sky Sports 1.

Paul Ince's side managed to avoid the two other League 1 clubs in the southern half of the draw, with Southampton to host Norwich City in the other semi-final tie.

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through to the semi final stages of the the Dons last time out when they picked up Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

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Back-to-back wins and back on track for Lightning

ICE HOCKEY

SEVEN days is a long time in ice hockey. Last week it was back-to-back defeats this week it was back-to-back wins for MK Lightning.

On Saturday the Lightning travelled to Guilford Flames and Adam Carr put the visitors ahead at the end of the first period.

Further strikes from Smulter

and Zatopek sealed a 3-1 victory. Man of the match for Lightning went to Leigh Jamieson.

On Sunday the Lightning smashed the Swindon Wildcats 5-2 at home with the scoring spread between Carr, Christie, Towlaski, Zatopek and Jamieson. Throughout November, Milton Keynes Lightning Ice Hockey Team are raising funds for the Help For Heroes charity during

what has become charity month for the team. In previous seasons MKL have supported Breast Cancer Care, donning pink shirts to play their games in, and Mo'Vember for Prostate Cancer.

The team have been wearing specially designed shirts for the month at both home and away games, as well as a green warm up shirt displaying the support for the charity.

All 54 of these shirts have been generously sponsored by fans of the team, with proceeds being split between the team and the charity.

Also throughout the month, the Supporters Club will be holding various events to further raise funds for such a great cause. In previous years the Lightning have raised more than £2,000 for each charity, and such

is the support from the fan base this year the club hope that this amount will be surpassed easily.

The culmination of the month will be at the home game on Saturday, November 28, where the team will present the cheque on the ice before the game against Sheffield Scimitars to a representative of the Help For Heroes Charity, with military personnel also in attendance.

BASKETBALL

VINCE'S VIEW

Head coach and owner of MK Lions, Vince Macaulay writes for MK NEWS



Well it took a while but we finally took a loss and EJ Harrison finally lost a game anywhere except in practice.

We did very well in putting away the Worthing Thunder last Friday in a delayed game, we were very professional in our approach and the guys performed very well. There was a time at the end of the game when our reserves let the intensity of the game die down a little and we talked about this as this can cause a letdown further down the road.

It wasn't long to wait for the aforementioned letdown. Less than 24 hours after we shared Pizza at La Collina in Great Brickhill. we tipped off against the Worcester Wolves and our intensity was far from where we needed it to be.

I can very easily point to the reason we lost this game, it was not really to do with the fact we blew an assignment in the last three seconds and allowed a Wolves shot to turn our one point lead into a one point loss, it was because of the four that's right FOUR uncontested three point shots we allowed in the first half. We missed assignments and paid a high price for that.

Now we are re-building, we will talk further about the weekend but fortunately in the BBL there is another game around the corner, we face London tonight (Wednesday) and my intention is that we make them pay for a hurtful result.

There are a lot of really exciting things happening at the Lions right now. Not only are we pulling all the stops out for our debut at Middleton Hall in January but we are also planning some exciting media events as well as a lot of video on the Lions and what we do in the community and how you can start playing at a Lions club, watch this space.

A huge shout out to Pete Winkelman for popping in to Friday's game, I am told he really enjoyed the fast paced style of play, do come down and join in Lions basketball, for now I leave you with this week's nugget 'The most important thing you can wear, is your expression'

Buzzer shot ends the Lions winning streak

BBL Championship Worcester Wolves 92 MK Lions 91

THE Worcester Wolves ended the MK Lions winning run of form with a shot on the buzzer on Saturday night. It was ablow to the Lions who had

convincingly beaten the Worthing Thunder 100-85 some 24 hours earlier.

The trip to Wolves was always going to be tricky and there was a good spread of scoring from both sides. It was a particularly impressive night

for Yorick Williams who led all scorers with an outstanding 34 points.

There was also good efforts from EJ Harrison who had an impressive 25 point haul for the Lions, whilst Frank Holmes scored 15. There was hardly anything separat-

ing these two high scoring sides in the first quarter, as it finished 24-25, and second quarter was not much different, as the Lions had the better start to the period

Williams netted two long rangers to put the Lions 27-31 up early on in the second, and a basket from Mike New pushed their lead out to five points at 27-33 after just two minutes of the second period.

Threes from Dru Spinks and Evaldas Zabas then meant that the Lions led by only four points, at 36-32, but a 9-5 run from the Wolves tied the scores at 41 each. Big men Harry Disy and Skouson Harker combined to score the next five points and put the Wolves up 46-41.

The Lions then scored a few of their but with Zabas nailing 14 and Harker 5 in the quarter, the half fin-ished 48-45 to the Wolves.

Lions guard Williams did not miss a shot until deep into the third quarter and had scored 21 by half time. He would shoot 7/10 from behind the arc. The third quarter was similar to the first, The Lions evened the game straight away with a Williams three then Max Simon nailed a two, the teams were going toe to toe and end to end but the Lions edged the quarter by 4 points so held a one point lead heading into the fourth, 72-73.

Christie started the fourth by striking from three point to take the Wolves' lead to 75-73. Christie and Zabas then led a Wolves charge to take a 81-73 lead with just under eight minutes remaining. However, the Lions were not about to lay down and die, as three pointers from Harrison and Williams cut the deficit to just two points, at 81-79. The sides then exchanged baskets until seven points from Harrison took the scoreline to 83-88. It was the Wolves turn to fightback now, as Christie, Harker and Zabas led a 6-1 run which took the scores level once again at 89-89. Harrison then edged the Lions ahead from the free throw line, only for Zabas' charity shot to tie the scores again at 90 apiece. Harrison kept his cool once more

from the line to edge the Lions ahead 90-91, with 8 seconds remaining, with a foul to give the Lions stopped the Wolves offence with 3.7 seconds remaining, on the inbounds Zabas broke free and nailed a short jump shot as time expired securing a 92-91 win for Worcester.

entertain London The Lions Capital tonight at Bletchley Leisure Centre then are on the road to Essexon Saturday.

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RUGBY **Marlow** put the wind up **Olney**

SOUTH WEST 1 EAST Olney 7 Marlow 12

OLNEY welcomed Marlow on what had to be the windiest afternoon of the season in there South West 1 East fixture.

Expecting nothing more than a hard fixture going on Marlows current league status, Olney knew it would not be an easy afternoon of rugby and so it proved with Marlow running out 12-7 winners.

It was Marlow who were first to score giving Olney a awakening of things to be thrown at them. Though with Olney working hard and holding their defence they held the score to a minimum.

Olney did however concede another converted try before Winger, Matt Jackson scored for the home side, which was con-verted by Full Back, James Hawken. With the home side working well and repeatedly gaining territory it was dissappointing to see a dropped pass just out-side the try line with only minutes to go. A try which could of sealed a home win after

a strong team effort. Olney welcomed back Gareth Cahill at number eight after being away on service who worked well with man of the match Flanker, Charlie Belcher. Along with Hooker, Adam Kelsall who was awarded player of the month. Raana Peakman was also welcomed back into the squad on return from New Zealand.

Olney welcome Slough this Saturday for the first round of the Bucks Cup, with kick off at 2.30pm.

Bletchley suffered another defeat as they fell at home 6-18 to Walcot. The result leaves them third from

bottom. MILTON Keynes had a comfortable 16-0 win over local rival Aylesbury in the Sourthern Counties North league. This Saturday MK play Grove in the Southern Counties Cup.

Milton Keynes based factory having his seat fitted. The 20-year-old Australian has been a

BRITISH Formula Three champion Daniel Ricciardo will test drive for Red

Ricciardo spent time last week at the

MOTOR RACING

Bull next month.

Red Bull Junior driver for two season, but his Formula One debut has come quicker than anticipated.

Formula Three champ

"No way did I think I'd be getting this at the end of the year," said Ricciardo. "I'm feeling very, very excited to be here and to see the seat's getting done. "This is something I've dreamed about

since I can remember, so I'm really looking forward to it.

This year Ricciardo scored six wins and 275 points on his way to clinch the 2009 British Formula Three championship, all

in his first season in the series. Before Ricciardo is able to take the car on the track next month he will spent time in Red Bull's simulator and also carry out an aero test.

"The F1 car is just a more wild piece of machinery," said Ricciardo. "The brakes

are probably the biggest thing - the stopping power they have is quite huge. Mentally you have to be more switched on as well as, obviously, everything's coming at you so much faster. the Spanish circuit of Jerez from

December 1-3. He will test in Jerez on December 1-3

as team drivers are not allowed to test until February 2010.







Double delight for Lions - see page 79

Boss says ref 'bottled' two penalty decisions

Ince reckons 'diabolical' ref changed course of the game

DONS manager Paul Ince believes the major decisions didn't go his teams way after watching his side fall to their heaviest defeat of the season.

Ince was angry with referee Keith Hill after the 5-1 defeat at second-placed Charlton.

He feels the Dons ahould have been awarded two first half penalties at crucial stages of an exciting first half decisions that changed the course of a game that Charlton eventually won comfortably.

through Leading Wilbraham's early opener, the Dons were denied a spot-kick shortly after-wards when Kelly Youga appeared to block another Wilbraham effort with his hand.

And after David Mooney had brought the Addicks level, Christian Dailly escaped punishment after blatantly handling in his own box to the anger of several Dons players.

Nicky Bailey put the home side in



front before goals from Lloyd Sam, Sam Sodje and Deon Burton saw Charlton run away with matters in the second period, but Ince was left

to rue the big moments of the first Ince said: "I thought the referee was diabolical in the first half. We had

half.

two blatant penalties, one with Alby that was handled off the line, which is a sending off, and another where Powelly's gone to head it, Dailly flicks

it with his hand and it should be another penalty. "The referee didn't have the bottle

to make the decisions and that's disappointing because it changed the course of the game. "The referee told me at half-time

that he couldn't see it and the lines-man couldn't see it. If my team gets beat 5-1, I have to come out and explain it to the media. If the referee can't see two blatant handballs he should be coming out to you guys and explaining these decisions. I'm sick and tired of it.

"Once Charlton got the third goal we were never going to win the game, our heads went down and we felt a bit hard done by. "They're a very good side, they've

iust come down from the Championship, but it was never a 5-1. We had chances before that, Alby should score from a header and another one, so even though it's dis-appointing, we're quietly pleased that for 60 minutes we were the better side. "We don't have to lift our players,

we're disappointed but we've another game at Southend on Friday. "We've got to take positives out of competing with a very good Charlton side for 60 minutes, but the game was changed by the officials.

"It's disappointing to get beat five, but the game could have been completely different."

